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Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 1-8, with the following:

The compositions of regulatory cells provide a means to alter the immunoregulatory balance of a patient, either locally or systemically, by changing the predominant regulatory cell population. Because many disease states occur with the loss of regulated balance of the immune system that is normally maintained by regulatory immune cells, the availability of clinically-relevant numbers of regulatory immune cells provides a means to correct these imbalances. This ability offers great potential for treating a variety of diseases.

Please replace the paragraph on page 23, lines 7-15, with the following:

As used herein, a hollow cell fiber culture system includes a hollow fiber bioreactor as well as pumping means for perfusing medium through said system, reservoir means for providing and collecting medium, and other components, including electronic controlling, recording or sensing devices. A hollow fiber bioreactor is a cartridge that contains a multitude of semi-permeable tube-shaped fibers encased in a hollow shell. The terms hollow fiber reactor and hollow fiber bioreactor are used interchangeably. A preferred device for methods is that described in copending, allowed, U.S. application Serial No. 08/506,173.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 28, lines 6-19, with the following:

While Th2 clones have been used in adoptive transfer studies in animals, regulatory cells, including Th1 and Th2 cells, have not been used in ACT protocols in humans. Such protocols are limited by the inability to differentiate and produce therapeutically effective quantities of such regulatory cells. The methods herein, however, provide a means to produce such clinically relevant quantities of cells, and, thereby provide a means to ameliorate disorders, provide vaccines, and suppress tissue or organ rejection. The methods herein also provide a means to produce clinically relevant quantities of regulatory and effector cells in the absence of IL-2.

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Also provided herein, are methods for growing cells that are therapeutically useful for treatment of HIV infection, including treatment of A.I.D.S. by enhancing or restoring the immune system (see, e.g., Examples 3 and 4).

Please replace the paragraph on page 37, lines 4-17, with the following;

Artificial kidney cartridges (CD Medical of Hialeah, FL) having a length of 14 inches, an ECS volume of 120 ml, and a molecular weight cutoff (MWC) of 6,000 daltons were selected as the hollow fiber bioreactors for use in the hollow fiber processing apparatus. To ensure equal distribution of nutrients across the entire length of these low MWC cartridges, an automatic on/off solenoid valve was placed on the outflow opening of the bioreactor. When the solenoid is in the "off" position, medium is prevented from exiting the bioreactor. Instead, the medium ultrafiltrates to the cells in the ECS equally to all points of the bioreactor. The medium then passes out of the bioreactor through the ports. Ultrafiltration of nutrients is more physiological and therefore more desirable for maintenance of dense cultures of cells (see, e.g., Swaab *et al.* (1974) *Cancer Res.* 34:2814; and Davis *et al.* (1974) *Chem. Eng. J.* 7:213).

Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 10-12, with the following;

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In preferred embodiments, mitogenic monoclonal antibodies are coated onto the hollow fiber surface in order to deliver the proper signals necessary to cause the immune cells to divide.

Please replace the paragraph on page 41, lines 18-28, with the following;

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The compositions of cell can be administered by any suitable means, including, but not limited to, intravenously, parenterally, or locally. The particular mode selected will depend upon the particular treatment and trafficking of the cells. Intravenous administration is presently preferred. Typically, about 10^{10} - 10^{11} cells can be administered in a volume of a 50 ml to 1 liter, preferably about 50 ml to 250 ml., more preferably about 50 ml to 150 ml.

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and most preferably about 100 ml. The volume will depend upon the disorder treated and the route of administration. The cells may be administered in a single dose or in several doses over selected time intervals in order to titrate the dose, particularly when restoration of immune system balance is the goal.

Please replace the paragraph on page 45, lines 18-22, with the following:

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Th1-mediated autoimmune diseases, such as, but not limited to, autoimmune thyroid diseases, anti-tubular basement membrane disease (kidney) Sjögren's syndrome, ankylosing spondylitis, ureoretinitis and others, can be treated by administration of compositions containing a clinically relevant, typically 10^9 - 10^{11} , Th2 cells or a Th2-like composition.

Please replace the paragraph on page 47, lines 16-28, with the following:

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Other infectious diseases that can be treated with Th1 cell compositions include, but are not limited to: influenza viruses, polio virus, leukemia viruses, hepatitis viruses, respiratory syncytial virus, herpes viruses, retroviruses Epstein-Barr virus, syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*), cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (mycosis fungoides), *Rhodococcus equi* (intracellular respiratory pathogen), hypersensitivity pneumonitis, onchocercal keratitis (river blindness), burn victims, chlamydia trachomatis, *mycobacterium avium*, *candida albicans*, coxackievirus, *Leishmania major* infection, cryptococcal infection and *Bordetella pertussis* respiratory infection.

Infectious diseases that can be treated with Th2 cell compositions include, but are not limited to: filarial nematode (parasite), *Plasmodium chabaudi* (malaria), and *Borrelia burgdorferi* (spirochete) infections.

Please replace the paragraphs on page 48, lines 6-24, with the following:

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Th1 cells can also be used to mediate tumor regression in cancers including melanoma, breast cancer, head and neck cancer, prostate cancer and lung cancer. There is evidence that for certain tumors, a Th2 response may mediate regression.

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6. Vaccination

The development of effective vaccine strategies for intracellular pathogens, including, but not limited to, bacteria, viruses and parasites, is one of the major frontiers of medical research. Research centers on antigens from pathogenic organisms and adjuvants that can elicit a Th1-like response in patients. It is known that a Th1 response is protective for infectious pathogens. Th1 responses are weak or non-existent in some patients with most vaccine protocols. Other research focuses on eliciting an IgA antibody response, which is thought to be protective against organisms that enter the body through mucous membranes. An IgA response is mediated by Th2 cells. To better control the type of immune response a patient will elicit to a vaccine, the methods herein provide a means for ex vivo vaccination (*i.e.*, the addition of the vaccine antigen(s) to patient mononuclear cells ex vivo, whereby the cells are activated under conditions that promote the desired regulatory cell differentiation.

Please replace the paragraph on page 53, lines 21-28, with the following:

The purified CD4+ cells were divided into two separate groups of 1 million cells each. The first group was activated with immobilized anti-CD3 mAb in the presence of 400 U/ml of IL-4 and 10 µg/ml of anti-IFN- γ mAb and anti-CD28 mAb. This first group (Th2) was expanded under these conditions for another 10 days. The second group was activated with immobilized anti-CD3 in the presence of 25 U/ml of IL-12 and 150 U/ml of IFN- γ , and anti-CD28 mAb. These cells were harvested and washed after 6 days of culture.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 65 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 6, 79, 82, 87, 91 and 92 with the following amended claims (a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment):